



# Economic Growth Region 1

Statistical Data Report for February 2014, Released April 2014

## Regional and State Unemployment (seasonally adjusted)

Regional and state unemployment rates were generally little changed in February. Twenty-nine states had unemployment rate decreases from January, 10 states had increases, and 11 states and the District of Columbia had no change, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported. Forty-nine states and the District of Columbia had unemployment rate decreases from a year earlier and one state had no change. The national jobless rate, 6.7 percent, was little changed from January, but was 1.0 percentage point lower than in February 2013.



## Economic Growth Region (EGR) 1

Lake, Porter, LaPorte, Newton, Jasper, Starke and Pulaski Counties.

February 2014 Labor Force Estimates (not seasonally adjusted)						
Area	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Feb 2014 Rate	Jan 2014 Rate	Feb 2013 Rate
U.S.	155,027,000	144,134,000	10,893,000	7.0%	7.0%	8.1%
IN	3,180,313	2,961,746	218,567	6.9%	6.5%	8.6%
Gary Metro Div	327,061	298,696	28,365	8.7%	8.2%	9.8%
MichCity-LaP MSA	48,896	44,311	4,585	9.4%	9.0%	11.1%
EGR 1	392,822	358,526	34,296	8.7%	8.3%	9.9%
Lake Co.	221,090	201,109	19,981	9.0%	8.7%	10.3%
Porter Co.	83,366	77,080	6,286	7.5%	7.1%	8.3%
LaPorte Co.	48,896	44,311	4,585	9.4%	9.0%	11.1%
Newton Co.	6,811	6,186	625	9.2%	8.7%	10.7%
Jasper Co.	15,794	14,321	1,473	9.3%	8.2%	9.7%
Starke Co.	10,330	9,386	944	9.1%	8.4%	11.2%
Pulaski Co.	6,535	6,133	402	6.2%	5.8%	7.6%
Gary	28,151	25,039	3,112	11.1%	10.7%	13.6%
Hammond	33,002	30,046	2,956	9.0%	8.6%	10.7%
East Chicago	9,646	8,577	1,069	11.1%	11.0%	13.1%
Hobart	14,163	12,600	1,563	11.0%	10.3%	11.5%
Merrillville	17,596	16,137	1,459	8.3%	7.8%	9.3%
Michigan City	13,303	11,563	1,740	13.1%	12.2%	11.8%
Portage	17,974	16,379	1,595	8.9%	8.4%	9.4%
Schererville	15,402	14,366	1,036	6.7%	6.2%	7.0%
Valparaiso	15,982	14,973	1,009	6.3%	5.8%	7.5%
Crown Point	13,505	12,457	1,048	7.8%	7.9%	9.0%
LaPorte	9,344	9,020	324	3.5%	3.1%	10.1%

Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research and Analysis, Local Area Unemployment Statistics

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## Unemployment Rates by State, February 2014

(seasonally adjusted)

U.S. -6.7%

Illinois -8.7%

**Indiana -6.1%**

Kentucky -7.8%

Michigan -7.7%

Ohio -6.5%

Source: U.S. Department of Labor, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

## Unemployment Rank by County, Feb 2014 (high to low)

#3	LaPorte	9.4%
#5	Jasper	9.3%
#6	Newton	9.2%
#8	Starke	9.1%
#9	Lake	9.0%
#37	Porter	7.5%
#65	Pulaski	6.2%

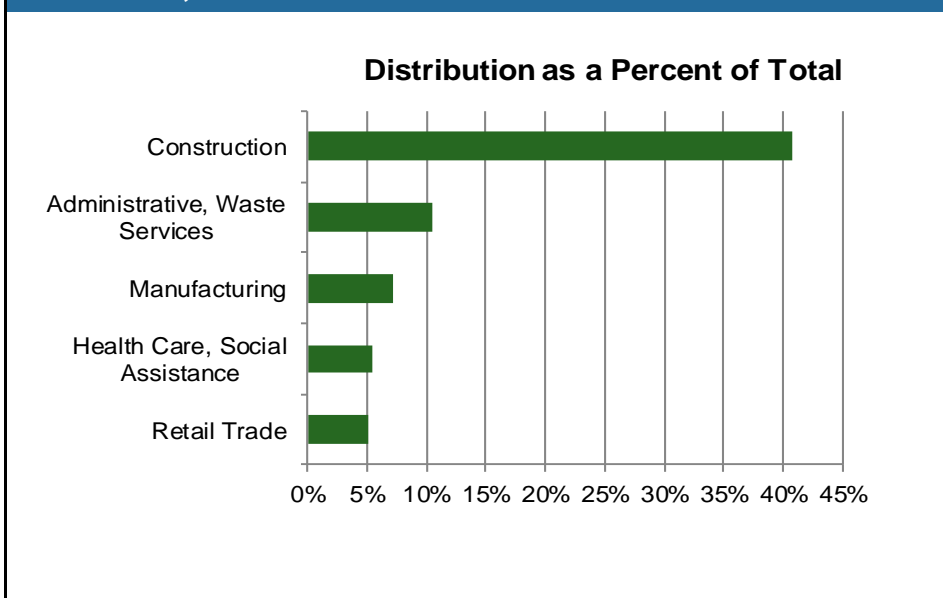
Source: Indiana Dept. of Workforce Development, Research and Analysis, Local Area Unemployment Statistics

**Consumer Price Index (CPI-U Change),  
Unadjusted Percent Change to February 2014 from:**

CPI Item	Feb-13	Jan-14	Feb-13	Jan-14
	Midwest Region*		U.S. City	
<b>All Items</b>	<b>0.9%</b>	<b>0.6%</b>	<b>1.1%</b>	<b>0.4%</b>
Food & Beverages	1.6%	0.5%	1.4%	0.3%
Housing	2.1%	0.4%	2.5%	0.3%
Apparel	-2.0%	1.6%	-0.6%	1.0%
Transportation	-3.2%	0.8%	-2.2%	0.6%
Medical Care	2.9%	0.8%	2.3%	0.7%
Recreation	0.0%	0.6%	0.3%	0.3%
Education & Communication	1.1%	0.4%	1.1%	0.0%
Other Goods & Services	2.6%	-0.1%	1.9%	0.2%

\*Midwest region = Midwest Urban Average. Midwest Region includes Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota and Wisconsin  
Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

**Percentage of Unemployment Claims for Top 5 Region 1  
Industries, Feb 2014**



Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research and Analysis, UI Statistics

## WARN Notices

### There were no Region 1 WARN notices for February 2014

For information on WARN Act requirements, go to the U.S. Department of Labor Employment Training Administration Fact Sheet:

<http://www.doleta.gov/programs/factsht/warn.htm>

## Unemployment Claims, February 2014

### Economic Growth Region 1 (EGR 1)

#### Initial Claims

Feb 1, 2014- 932 (D)  
Feb 8, 2014- 787 (D)  
Feb 15, 2014- 682  
Feb 22, 2014- 535 (D)

#### Continued Claims

Feb 1, 2014- 8,955  
Feb 8, 2014- 8,756  
Feb 15, 2014- 7,640  
Feb 22, 2014- 7,587

#### Total Claims\*

Feb 1, 2014- 9,887  
Feb 8, 2014- 9,543  
Feb 15, 2014- 8,322  
Feb 22, 2014- 8,122

### State of Indiana

#### Initial Claims

Feb 1, 2014- 6,923  
Feb 8, 2014- 5,458  
Feb 15, 2014- 4,967  
Feb 22, 2014- 3,882

#### Continued Claims

Feb 1, 2014- 58,672  
Feb 8, 2014- 57,160  
Feb 15, 2014- 48,657  
Feb 22, 2014- 47,405

#### Total Claims\*

Feb 1, 2014- 65,627  
Feb 8, 2014- 62,636  
Feb 15, 2014- 53,637  
Feb 22, 2014- 51,287

Total claims include EUC (Emergency Unemployment Compensation) and EB (State Extended Benefits). Please see [www.hoosierdata.in.gov](http://www.hoosierdata.in.gov) for additional information.

Source: IN Dept of Workforce Development, Research & Analysis, UI Statistics

## Gary Metropolitan Division Wage and Salaried Employment, February 2014

				Number Change	Percent Change	Number Change	Percent Change
Industry	Feb-14	Jan-14	Feb-13	Jan-14 to Feb-14	Feb-13 to Feb-14		
<b>TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT</b>	<b>268,000</b>	<b>267,400</b>	<b>270,100</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>0.2%</b>	<b>-2,100</b>	<b>-0.8%</b>
<b>Total Private Employment</b>	<b>232,100</b>	<b>232,100</b>	<b>234,200</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>-2,100</b>	<b>-0.9%</b>
<b>GOODS PRODUCING</b>	<b>49,300</b>	<b>49,500</b>	<b>54,500</b>	<b>-200</b>	<b>-0.4%</b>	<b>-5,200</b>	<b>-9.5%</b>
---Mining & Logging	100	100	200	0	0.0%	-100	-50.0%
---Construction	13,800	14,000	18,500	-200	-1.4%	-4,700	-25.4%
---Manufacturing	35,400	35,400	35,800	0	0.0%	-400	-1.1%
Durable Goods	28,600	28,600	28,400	0	0.0%	200	0.7%
Primary Metal Mfg	17,900	18,000	18,200	-100	-0.6%	-300	-1.7%
Iron and Steel Mills	16,600	16,600	16,800	0	0.0%	-200	-1.2%
<b>SERVICE PROVIDING</b>	<b>218,700</b>	<b>217,900</b>	<b>215,600</b>	<b>800</b>	<b>0.4%</b>	<b>3,100</b>	<b>1.4%</b>
Private Service Providing	182,800	182,600	179,700	200	0.1%	3,100	1.7%
---Trade, Transp, & Utilities	58,600	59,000	56,300	-400	-0.7%	2,300	4.1%
Wholesale Trade	9,500	9,400	9,300	100	1.1%	200	2.2%
Retail Trade	34,100	34,600	31,800	-500	-1.5%	2,300	7.2%
Gen Merch Stores	6,900	7,100	6,500	-200	-2.8%	400	6.2%
Other Gen Merch Stores	3,500	3,500	3,400	0	0.0%	100	2.9%
Transp/Warehousing/Utils	15,000	15,000	15,200	0	0.0%	-200	-1.3%
---Information	2,100	2,100	2,000	0	0.0%	100	5.0%
---Financial Activities	8,600	8,600	8,600	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
---Professional & Business	22,100	21,900	21,400	200	0.9%	700	3.3%
Employment Services	3,300	3,200	3,400	100	3.1%	-100	-2.9%
---Educational & Health	47,600	46,800	48,400	800	1.7%	-800	-1.7%
Educational Services	7,500	6,700	8,200	800	11.9%	-700	-8.5%
Health Care/Social Assist.	40,100	40,100	40,200	0	0.0%	-100	-0.3%
Med/Surgical Hospitals	12,900	12,900	13,300	0	0.0%	-400	-3.0%
---Leisure & Hospitality	31,000	31,500	30,300	-500	-1.6%	700	2.3%
Arts/Entertnmt/Recn	6,300	6,200	6,400	100	1.6%	-100	-1.6%
Food Svcs/Drinkg Plcs	22,900	22,800	22,400	100	0.4%	500	2.2%
---Other Services	12,800	12,700	12,700	100	0.8%	100	0.8%
Government	35,900	35,300	35,900	600	1.7%	0	0.0%
---Federal Government	1,800	1,800	1,900	0	0.0%	-100	-5.3%
---State Government	4,500	4,100	4,400	400	9.8%	100	2.3%
---Local Government	29,600	29,400	29,600	200	0.7%	0	0.0%
Local Govt Educ Svcs	17,100	16,600	17,700	500	3.0%	-600	-3.4%

Source: Indiana Workforce Development, Research and Analysis, Current Employment Statistics

## Applicant Pool

Top 20 Occupations  
Desired by Active Applicants on  
Their Resumes in the Past  
12 Months

- 1 Customer Service Representatives-784
- 2 Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material-Movers, Hand-748
- 3 Assemblers and Fabricators, All Other-657
- 4 Production Workers, All Other-618
- 5 Cashiers-486
- 6 Helpers--Production Workers-474
- 7 Office Clerks, General-379
- 8 Administrative Services Managers-365
- 9 Managers, All Other-326
- 10 Maintenance and Repair Workers, General-276
- 11 Construction Laborers-255
- 12 Executive Secretaries and
- 13 Nursing Assistants-250
- 14 Retail Salespersons-228
- 15 Bookkeeping, Accounting, and Auditing Clerks-217
- 16 Office and Administrative Support Workers, All Other-214
- 17 Receptionists and Information Clerks-206
- 18 Stock Clerks- Stockroom, Warehouse, or Storage Yard-205
- 19 Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners-189
- 20 Welders, Cutters, and Welder Fitters-187

Source: Indiana Department  
of Workforce Development,  
Indiana Career Connect

## MAUFACTURING INDEX

The Institute for Supply Management's U.S. manufacturing index rose to 53.2 from 51.3 in January, the ISM reported. Readings above 50 signal expansion. The stronger-than-expected increase in February showed the U.S. economy is making headway in emerging from the harsh winter weather that has slowed growth in early 2014. The pickup in manufacturing would have been stronger if not for a slump in production caused by a shortage of parts; a sign that orders will improve in coming months to replenish stockpiles. While households spent more on services such as utilities and health care in January, they cut back on goods, including autos, gasoline and clothing, underscoring the importance of bigger job and income gains to spur the economy.

## RETAIL SALES

The U.S. Census Bureau announced that advance estimates of U.S. retail and food services sales for February, adjusted for seasonal variation and holiday and trading-day differences, but not for price changes, were \$427.2 billion, an increase of 0.3 percent from the previous month, and 1.5 percent above February 2013. Total sales for the December 2013 through February 2014 period were up 2.3 percent from the same period a year ago. The December 2013 to January 2014 percent change was revised from -0.4 percent to -0.6 percent. Retail trade sales were up 0.3 percent from January 2014, and 1.3 percent above last year. Non-store retailers were up 6.3 percent from February 2013 and health and personal care stores were up 5.5 percent from last year.

## REAL EARNINGS

Real average hourly earnings for all employees rose 0.3 percent from January to February, seasonally adjusted, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported. This increase stems from a 0.4 percent increase in average hourly earnings being partially offset by a 0.1 percent increase in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U). Real average weekly earnings were unchanged over the month due to the 0.3 percent increase in real average hourly earnings being offset by a 0.3 percent decrease in the average workweek.

## CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) increased 0.1 percent in February on a seasonally adjusted basis, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today. Over the last 12 months, the all items index increased 1.1 percent before seasonal adjustment. An increase in the food index accounted for more than half of the all items increase in February. The food index rose 0.4 percent in February, driven by a 0.5 percent increase in the index for food at home, with four of the six major grocery store food group indexes increasing.

## PER CAPITA INCOME

The income Hoosiers earned last year grew slower than the national average, leaving the state ranked 38th in per capita income, according to figures released by the Bureau of Economic Analysis. Income for Indiana residents last year was \$38,812 per person, a 2.3 percent increase. That compares with \$44,543 for the nation, a 2.6 percent increase. Indiana's income ranking has dropped in recent decades. The drop has been tied largely to the decline in manufacturing jobs. Income growth in Indiana was greatest in health care, professional services and manufacturing.

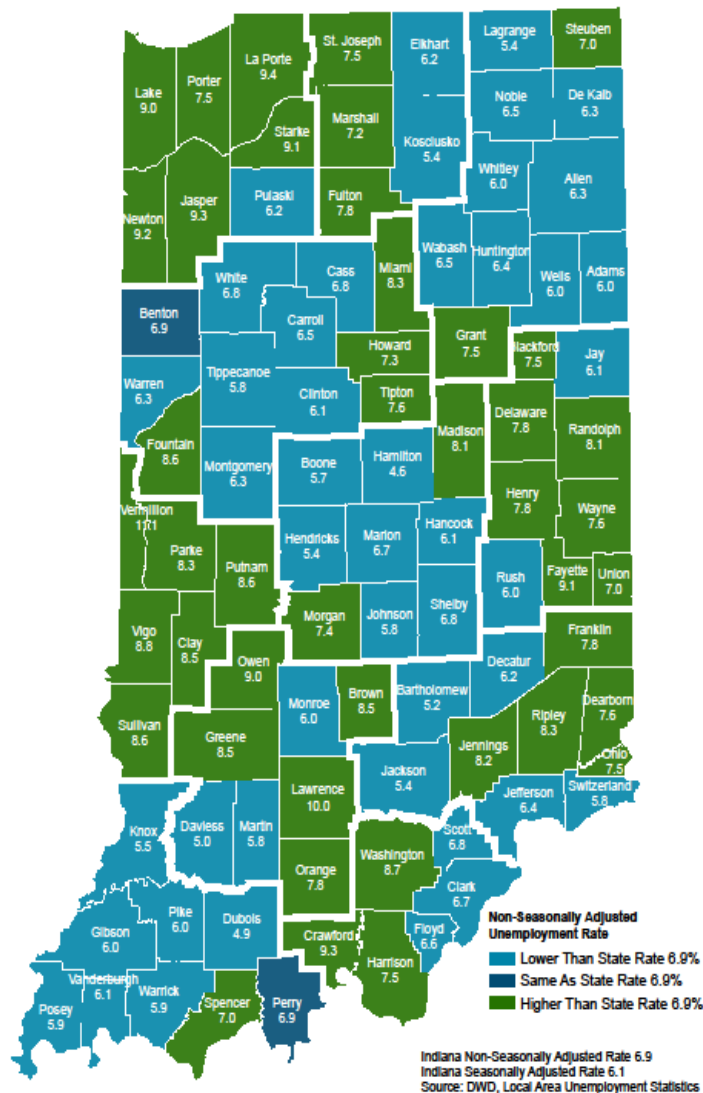
## Frequently Listed Jobs

**Top 20 Job listings by number of openings in Region 1 for the month of Feb 2014**

- 1 Packers and Packagers, Hand
- 2 Heavy and Tractor-Trailer
- 3 Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand
- 4 Production Workers, All Other
- 5 Home Health Aides
- 6 Stock Clerks- Stockroom, Warehouse, or Storage Yard
- 7 Retail Salespersons
- 8 Helpers--Production Workers
- 9 Sales Representatives, Services, All Other
- 10 Roofers
- 11 Janitors and Cleaners,
- 12 Insurance Sales Agents
- 13 Registered Nurses
- 14 Light Truck or Delivery Services Drivers
- 15 Food Preparation and Serving Related Workers, All Other
- 16 Laundry and Dry-Cleaning Workers
- 17 Mental Health and Substance Abuse Social Workers
- 18 Therapists, All Other
- 19 Tree Trimmers and Pruners
- 20 Assemblers and Fabricators, All Other

Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Indiana Career Connect

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### Questions?

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